

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 05788.0170-00

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Guiseppe COLOMBO et al.

Application No.: 09/892,480

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS A SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE

INTO PLASTICS GRANULES

Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: Elena Tsoy

GROUP 1700

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated April 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending application in light of the following remarks.

## **REMARKS**

## I. Status of Claims

Claims 34-66 are pending in this application. Claims 49-66 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Office in view of the January 29, 2002, Restriction Requirement. No claim has been amended herein.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge that the Office has indicated that claims 39 and 43-46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the

FINNEGAN HENDERSON FARABOW GARRETT & DUNNERLLP

1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com